PROSPECTS FOR BUSINESS GOOD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.-Bright prospects for business throughout the country, in striking contrast with conditions at this time a year ago, are pictured in statistics and standards committee report made public tonight by the chamber of commerce of the United States.

There are localities where much caution and conservatiosm yet remain," says the report, "and the influence of high prices for the future further accentuates this caution bewill curtail buying by the consumers Broadly speaking, it may be said that the spirit of optimism and hopefulness prevails to a degree that has not been apparent for nearly a decade and the general belief and expectation is for such prosperity during 1916 as will recompense the people of this country for all their past misfortunes.

The adverse effect of this conflict in Europe still pravails in some sec tions, though to very much less extent than at this time last year. There are still scattered fears of the possi-bility of this country being involved in the gigantic strife; but against this is the large portion of the people wheave paying less and less attention to the war and more and more concen trating their thoughts and efforts or demestic matters. Beyond this is the striking fact that the influence of the war at present as a whole is more favorable than adverse because of the tremendous impetus it has given to certain lines of manufacturing, es-

leather, steel, iron, copper, brass, leag farmer is selling freely because of remunerative figures for his products and there seems to be no manner of doubt but that these prices will de-

cline materially in case of peace.
"While there are many conjectures as to the consequent effect upon business of such a contingency the general belief centers around the convicto make the most of the present situhood of what will happen if peace is there.

"Railroads report better business as a whole and railroad shops are employing more and more men. Manufacturing has taken on new life through the whole country and in atdecrease in unemploy ment. Prices are being advanced everywhere by manufacturers in all flooded with orders.

VIEW GOVERNOR'S BODY

For Twelve Hours Remains of Minne- cans aboard.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 2.—For 12 that his return has been hastened by lowerd restoring order and normal hours today the body of Governor illness. He declared his views re-Winfield Scott Hammond, who died garding the cause of the war have "If necessary I will go to Europe last Thursday in Clinton, La., lay in undergone a marked change. When and if it will belp matters, I will military guard watched over the that bankers, manufacturers of muni-flower laden casket, a continuous that bankers, manufacturers of muni-tions and armament, we've responsistream of people passed before it pay-

St. James. Minnesota, at 10:30 a. m., fighting have been too content to let trenches." where funeral services will be held those who rule them do their think- Commenting on the preparedness tomorrow afternoon under the directing, and they have not taken ad- issue in President Wilson's message tion of the Masonic Lodge.

CONFESSES TO MURDER DICKINSON: N. D. Jan. 2.-Jos-

Fink were found on Reiser. Reiser had no doubt. will not fight extradition.

CONGRESS RECONVENES TUESDAY TO BEGIN SESSION'S REAL WORK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 .- Congress reconvenes Tuesday to begin the con- annual address to congress. sideration of momentous legislation

emergency war revenue tax. that foreign relations incident to the period, are contemplated. European war and the subject of The revenue situation also will possibilities.

investigation also be made into the horse power, steel products and other law and the facts concerning the de- articles of commerce and a stamp struction of the Lusitania, other at- tax on bank checks. Amendment of tacks upon vessels imperiling Ameri- the income tax and an inheritance tax can lives, and the conspiracy against lalso are to be given serious thought. Pedro

The military and naval affairs comconfronting it. Before the holiday re- mittees of both houses have been charter a small vessel at an expense cess little was accomplished beyond studying the national preparedness of \$50,000 to go by sea to The Hague organization and extension of the program during the recess. House if consent to pass through Germany During the preliminary two weeks these at once, and public hearings, only the members of the party whose

preparedness for national defense command immediate attention. Repwould be the dominating features of resentative Kitchin, majority leader the session fraught with far reaching and chairman of the ways and means committee, plans to call his committee Important international events since together without delay to take up the recess have served to make indi- this problem. Senator Simmons. cations stronger than ever that the chairman of the finance committee legislative branch will seek all avail- also contemplates frequent meetings arrived at Copenhagen last week to able information in possession of the of democratic members to study fiscal join the Ford peace expedition, regovernment relating to foreign com- problems. First to be considered will turned to Stockholm today. Eight be the amendment to the war revenue Norwegian delegates have joined the The senate committee on foreign law which was reenacted hurriedly party. relations will take the lead in actual just before the recess with the general onsideration of international affairs, understanding that amendments would Pending before the committee now is be proposed to increase its revenue the resultulon by Senator Hoke Smith producing power. Involved in this are urging investigation into British in- issues likely to provoke wide diverterference with neutral shipping and gence of views, among them the sugthe Lodge amendment directing that gestions to tax gasoline, automobile

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HENRY FORD RETURNS; MEETS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] and under way," he said "People pecially east of the Allegheny and likewise to many agricultural proan hour here tonight with Henry Ford and when they think, they think This influence is a material factor who returned this morning on the right."

and zinc or spelter. Much of the nature of the discussion but said he several ideas in mind, he deemed it quest from Mr. Ford

has 'more important work to do monious as could be desired. here for the present."

tion that the war will last for some he believed it had achieved partial time and that the part of wisdom is success, "even before it started." "The mere discussion of peace," ne ation, regrettable as it is and not added, "is in itself an advantage and glad to stop it if they could, I betaking undue" thought of the morrow the presence of the peace party lieve, but they are afraid to let go. attempting to forecast the likeli- abroad will stimulate discussion

> No doubt the members of the movement of such importance."

and they are continually being midnight to Washington, where he bring Europe to its senses and stopwill address the Pan-American con- the war gress tomorrow. He declined to comment on the sinking of the Brit- peace only one day nearer, I shall be ish Steamship Persia with Ameri- more than repaid. Every day the

Ford confirmed cable reports lives. vantage of their divine right to say Mr. Ford said-

for themselves what they shall do and think, the pacifists asserted. Republics are no better than mon- arm himself unless he means to atonly Reiser, arrested by Stark county archies in this respect," he said, tack. Even when he takes a fork in authorities for forgery at Cando, N. Even in the United States we let his hand, he is preparing to attack D. confessed to Sheriff Brown to- those whom we have elected to office an oyster or beef steak. night that he killed Joseph Fink at he swerved from their duty. We do Salesville, Montana, December 23, de- not assert ourselves. Personally, I istration to find out first if the peoclaring the killing resulted from a have been a voter 21 years and in all ple themselves want armament. If clothing. Fink claimed Reiser had and then because my wife made me," what Europe is getting now. As to reer for conscience sake," more than his share of the bedding. Of the eventual success of the the other features of President Wil-

in the present high prices of sheep. Steamship Bergensfjord from his Mr. Ford's future plans with recattle, wool, grain and products of peace pilgrimage to Europe. Mr. Bryan declined to reveal the uncertain, he said. While he had prosperity in the grain raising sec-tions is due to the fact that the ington on receipt of a telegraphic rehad come to New York from Wash- too early to speak of them. He left tiff, he said, in accordance with his Mr. Pryan denied that he would original plans; and, despite all resail for Europe on January 4, as ports to the contrars, when the previously planned, declaring that he party left the Oscar II, it was as har-

> Ford peace mission, Mr. Bryan said into concrete form, if possible, the the ballot of that party carious ideas and hopes for peace nations doing the fighting would be

"Those who accompanied me on the Oscar II were as fine a body of people for that particular mission as I party will get information while in could ask and the interested delegate. Europe which will be of advantage that met us at Christiania were all to them here. There is an advantage good men. I am simply financing In the very fact that a man in Mr. and carrying out, as far as possible, and postmistress; and in the assemble most every branch. There is much Ford's position should devote himself the work set underway last year at wholeheartedly and disinterestedly to the meeting at The Hague of the ilar to those enumerated in the senate Mr. Bryan said he would return at gress. This work ultimately will additional clerks for each house, who

'If what I have done will bring war is shortened will save 30,000

state at the capital here. While a he left, he said, he was of the opinion charter another ship. I am not doing that it is the people themselves todian of what I have It was enaboard a train departing for responsible. The men doing the whom are today fighting in the

"I am against preparedness, as preparedness means war. No man will

"It would be better for the admin-Papers and two watches owned by peace mission, Mr. Ford declared he son's message, especially with reference to trade and a greater merchant The movement is now organized marine, we are all with him on that,

To Go Through Germany

lon).-After deciding to proceed to ts danger from mines. They called member of the government. n the German minister and urged cision has been reached. The mangers of the party have decided to committees plan to get to work on cannot be obtained. In this event, there were assurances on every hand which probably will extend for a long presence is regarded as necessary will be taken on. The others, including the college students, will return to the United States.

MAYOR LINDHAGEN RETURNS LONDON, Jan. 2.-A Reuter dis patch from Copenhagen says that Mayor Lindhagen of Stockholm, who

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2. rived: Steamers San Jacinto, Hueneme; A. M. Simpson, Grays Harbor, San Pedro; Cape Corso (British) Santa Rosalia.

Deported: Steamer Vanguard, San

JORDAN SENDS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 2. - Se etary of State Frank C. Jordan today egan sending out official notification a the 120 members of the California legislature that the special session called by Governor Johnson would onvene here Wednesday. The first of the legislators are expected to ar rive in town tomorrow for confer ences on the course which legislation

Careful study of the Governor's call developed that the state will register under the non-partisan law passed by the last legislature. This law, con-trary to general belief, will not be The direct primary law passed in 1913, and the presidential orimary law, passed by the last legisature will be amerried to conform with the non-partisan registration

It was pointed out by administration officials that this was the only practicable way of remedying the angle into which the laws had faller through the referendum successfully invoked upon two of the non-partisar measures passed by the legislature of 1915. Should the non-partisan registration measure be changed to conform with the primary laws, the imended measures would not go into effect until some time in April, thu preventing party registration until that time. This, it was said, would only make the muddle worse. It was claimed the present

yould maintain party lines and at the same time would solve the registration muddle. The legislature has no choice in the

laws which shall come up for amend-ment, as the constitution limits the action of the legislature to the measires set forth in the call of the gov

we primary laws will not disturb party lines in any way. The registra tion board non-partisan, primary laws will be changed to read that all sign ers of nominating petitions must de clare themselves to be affiliated with the party to which the candidate be longs. At the primary election, each ere for the present."

The main idea of the mission," voter will declare his party before the continued Mr. Ford, "is to crystallize election officials and will then be given

This system is now in effect in sev which prevail all over the world. The eral eastern states, notably Wisconsir Owing to the probable shortness of se special session of the legislature Secretary of the Senate Edwin F Smith and Chief Clerk of the Assem-bly L. B. Mallory announced tonight that the number of officers and atches will be limited in the senate to he secretary and two associates, mit it arms and two assistants, chapla-Women's International Peace Con- If necessary there will be two or three will be selected from eligibles residing or near Engrance

der that former attaches living at distance will not incur the expense of coming to Sacramento under the impression that there will be a prolonged

FATAL AUTO SKIDDING

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 2, Kemper transon, salesmanager for a local reastate firm, was instantly killed here ble, but he returns with the belief I can use, and I feel I am simply cus- tonight and four others, two of them comen, were injured when the auto Tomorrow morning the body will be these now being slaughtered, who are trusted to me by the people, some of mobile in which they were riding skidded and crashed into a standing treet cur. Branson was 37 years old and leaves

SIR JOHN SIMON LEAVES CABINET

[Fepublican A. F. Leased Wire] LONDON, Jan. 2,-The Chronicle innounces definitely that Sir John A. Simon, secretary of state for home affairs, retires from the cabinet, "thus quarrel between them over some bed that time I have voted only six times, they do, they will eventually get breaking his brilliant ministerial ca-

Sir John A. Simon enjoyed a rapid and brilliant career after a remarkable success at the bar. He entered parliament in 1906 and joined the ninistry first as solicitor-general, afterwards as attorney-general. He is so strong a pacifist that he was almost decided to resign with Viscount The Hague by sea, the managers of Morley and John Burns when the the Ford peace party today made an- war broke out. It was only the Gerother effort to avoid the necessity of man violation of Belgium neutrality sailing through the North Sea, with that induced him to remain as a

When the coalition government was im to obtain permission for the formed last May Sir John refused party to go to The Hague through the great prize of the post of lord which President Wilson raised in his Germany. It is understood no de- high chancellor, made vacant by Viscount Haldane's retirement, because and, so far as the European war has missioner of Indian affairs, in his an- own affairs he preferred a political career and became a home attorney

USE CONVENTIONAL ADDRESSES [Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

ROME, Jan. 2.- The minister posts and telegraphs announced today that beginning January 1, the convenional cable addresses in force previous July, 1914, may be used with the Inited States and British, French and Italian colonial possessions

IRELAND NOT EXEMPTED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] LONDON, Jan. 3 (12:14 a. m.) According to an announcement made by the Press Association, Ireland is not to be exempted from the new compulsory recruiting bill.

TROOPS IN ORFANO GULF

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] LONDON, Jan. 3 .- A dispatch from Athens reports the arrival in the Gulf of Orfano of thirty large transports The report is unconfirmed.



Women's and Misses' Apparel

left from our Clearance Sale have been arranged for commencing today at exceptionally low prices. Many of the season's smartest coats, suits, skirts, dresses, waists and sweaters remain for your selections. These garments are made of the choicest fabrics in fashionable colors, with style features and distinguishing touches not usually seen on ready-to-wear garments.

Prices have been lowered to the limit

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] LONDON, Jan. 2-King Peter of Ser a, who reached Italy last week from Albania, is said by Reuter's Athens orrespondent to have arrived at Saoriki on a Prenci, battleship. He was ecompanied by geveral Serbian min-

sters and officers. In many respects King Peter is the most dramatic figure of the European Two regicides are intimately onnected with his history, the murder f his predecessar, Alexander Obreno itch, and his queen, Draga, and the essessination of the archduke of Ausria, the dual monarchy's heir preamptive. There are those who claim hat King Peter knew of the two plots, hat, indeed, he was the instigator of he former. How true this is would be mrd to say in the absence of more evdence than has so far been produced.

sypsy origin. The original Karageoro- up for the most part of excerpts from proper.

Mr. Asquith's remarks to the deputation of Black George', how-

hip, Peter entered into close relations and to co-operate actively therein." the Balkan peninsula in mind.

dvisable. This party had favored the quo after the war. stablishment of a republic in Serbia after Alexander and Draga had been nurdered. This, and the fact that the berals in those days were not the arlent pan Slavists which they became later recommended the reinforcement Petrograd it was felt that Russia needed a reliable agent in the Balkans, nor periments in republican government pulsed." y a Slav people were not calculated to make life for the Romanoff dynasis asier. For twelve years, Peter drev ed here, never lost an opportunity to serve in return. The arrangement made now progressed, proved Serbia's undoing. Whether or not King Peter will ever rule in Serbia is hard to say at his moment; in the central powers the belief, of course, is that Serbia and itsing are no more.

ORDER JEWISH REFUGEES OUT

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] BERLIN, Jan. 2 (By wireless ! Sayville)—"It is reported from Stockholm that orders have been given to volves the cancellation of all conces-Cherbatoff, former minister of the in-

90 YEARS OLD, TRIES SUICIDE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] ter's last fight.

FIRST "DRY" ARREST MADE IN OREGON

PORTLAND, One. Jon. 2.- The first arrest for netual violation of the probibilition has of Oregon was made here tonight when the police raided the Union clab, a negro orgonization, and arrested J. H. Reed, resident, and confiscated a quantity of liquor, mostly gin. The actival selling of liquor is not charged out intoxicants kept in a public place is prim; tacie evidence of the paw's violation

Several places formerly saloons, were opened today as soft drink re-

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] Certain it is only that King Peter the conference held Friday evening showed no inclination to be severe between Premier Asquith, David sith the regicides in either case. He Lloyd George, the minister of munieven managed to be on good terms thous, and a deputation from the with Major Misitch, such villain of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers. rime in the old Konak of Belgrade which is the most influential trade

and never was permitted to forget that of munitions, issued tonight by the be had taken the place of a man who had been fooly murdered. Only a few ment has decided to acquiesce in all sovereigns consented to ment has decided to acquiesce in all sovereigns consented to ment has decided to acquiesce in all sovereigns consented to ment has decided to acquiesce in all sovereigns consented to ment has decided to acquiesce in all sovereigns consented to ment has decided to acquiesce in all sovereigns consented to ment has decided to acquiesce in all sovereigns consented to ment has decided to acquiesce in all sovereigns consented to ment has decided to acquiesce in all sovereigns consented to ment has decided to acquiesce in all sovereigns consented to ment has decided to acquiesce in all sovereigns. the demands of the trade unionists in the was always so ill at ease in the presence of strangers that he usually shunned them.

"That such draft, after approval by the demands of the trade unionists in the judicial advocate general of the presence of strangers that he usually shunned them.

"That such draft, after approval by the judicial advocate general of the green of strangers that he usually shunned them. King Feter's family, it is said, is of The Press Bureau's reports is made conditions seem to warrant favorable

witch, or 'son of Black George', how-tion at the conference, which lasted now submitted, regulations to render ever, was a shepherd. King Peter him-three hours, but includes also the an effective cansorship be drawn up spent muca of his life in Switzer- three hours, but includes also the an effective cansorship be drawn up end, where the summons to Serbia's before the conference was closed to "accept on hehalf of the membership Shortly after his election to the king- of their society the scheme of dilution with the Russian crown. A large an- | A bill covering the union demands

nal revenue was settled upon him will be pushed through parliament as with the understanding that in all mat- soon as possible. The demands mainters affecting Serbia's foreign policy by concern matters of pay and condie was to keep Russia's interests on tions of labor for unskilled workmen and women introduced under the dilu-The attitude of the Serbian liberal tion scheme. The government has early made such a course by Russia already agreed to restore the status

BUSY ON ALL FRONTS [Republican A. P. Leased Wire] PARIS, Jan. 2.- A delayed Monte

negrin official statement says: "Artill by actions and infantry of the Serbian crown financially. In gagement, occurred on all the fronts n December 31. The Austrians made particularly violent attacks near Molkovatz and Bogie-vitch, but were re- ful to a possible enemy."

> INDIAN IS PROGRESSING [Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

Indian is disclosed by Cato Sells, com- a freer hand in the management of his

GENERAL WOOD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Details of plan for censorship in time of war worked out by the army general staff, are revealed in the annual report of Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, made public tompht. The re-port says it is of vital importance that definite preparation along this line be made before war is at hand, or "we may anticipate greater confusion and dissatisfaction than Great Britain experienced, if no plans, are prepared and no nersonnel be selected for exe-cution thereof until the time arrives hen censorship and control of the

press become as necessary as in Eu-The following is quoted from the

tuff plan: "That an officer of the army desig nated by the secretary of war, and an official of the navy designated by the secretary of the navy, be directed to consult with representatives of the press associations and managers of drafting legislation authorizing the president to issue regulations for the Peter Garageorovitch never forgot, trades concerned in the manufacture of telegraph, cable, wireless and mail

ulations. These should include record of each cable, wireless and telegraph vision by censor; lists of all newspap ers, periodicals and correspondents, selection of army and navy officers, preferably retired, and of experienced newspaper men as personnel of the censorate. Following the British plan the assistant secretary of war could well be assigned as director of the cen-

"In time of national peril and ab sence of legislation, the presiden should at once direct a censorship of all communication by mail, cable, wire or wireless; if necessary declaring effect arbitrary suppression of or com-munication of matter that might prove detrimental to national defense or use

The plan is now under discussion, it is understood, by officials of the war, navy and state departments.

nual report made public today. Parin numbers and steady progress in ed- ticular attention is directed to the suc meation and industry by the American cess of the policy of giving the Indian

MAN WHO INTRODUCED PHOTOGRAPHY INTO ARMENIA IS DEAD IN FRESNO

all Jewish refugees at Petrograd to father of Haig Patigian, the noted him he field in the disguise of a depart immediately," says the over-seas News Agency. This order in-morning. Seventy-one years of age, his family joining him there. He is the elder Patigian had an eventful survived by three children, Haig Pathis country 27 years ago.

He first introduced photography The funeral will be held tomorrow af-into Armenia, at Harpoot, where he termoon. was a university professor, but the Turkish government, looking up his pictures of the Russian soldiers as a CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Ogaliala Fire, 20 too intimate relation with them. ear old Indian chief, is in a hospital instituted a persecution of Pahere in a serious condition as the re- tigian. They charged that his tasult of a self-inflicted wound made mous pictures of the historic ruins today with a razor. It was said his of Van were a means of spreading chances for recovery were slight, religion contrary to the movements full of troops who began to disembark logalials Fire was a survivor of Cus-edict alleging that the minarets shows on the old buildings of Van wese pic-

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] three of priests.
FRESNO, Jan. 2 - Avedia Patigian. While Turkish officers were chasing tions to the Jews made by Prince career in Amenia before coming to tigian, Mrs. Richard Fair of Modesto the Jews made by Prince career in Amenia before coming to tigian, Mrs. Richard Fair of Modesto the Jews made by Prince career in Amenia before coming to tigian, Mrs. Richard Fair of Modesto and Miss Lily Patigian of this city.

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